

LONG POND (Lakeville / Freetown)

General Information:

This is a huge, shallow, warm water pond covering 1,721 acres -- the largest natural body of water in Massachusetts. It drains into the Nemasket River. Average depth is six feet and the maximum depth is only 10 feet. Transparency is five feet. The shoreline is heavily developed with year round homes.

There is a paved launch ramp on the southeastern end of the pond provided by the Public Access Board. It is located off of Route 18. The parking area can accommodate approximately 40 cars. Although no horsepower restrictions are in effect on the pond, boaters are cautioned that there are numerous submerged rocks.

Fish Populations:

This pond was last surveyed in June of 1990 when fisheries crews found largemouth bass, bluegill, chain pickerel, yellow perch, white perch, pumpkinseed, white sucker, alewife, blueback herring, brown bullhead, golden shiner, tessellated darter, lake chubsucker and bridled shiner. A few walleyes are occasionally taken in Long Pond River.

Fishing:

Long Pond is a good largemouth bass pond and a popular site for bass tournaments. Fishing is also good for white and yellow perch. Some big pickerel are also taken occasionally, and it would not be a bad bet for bullhead angling.

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